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Presiding:

Charles Cassell, President

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P R O C E E D I N G S

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Convention will come to order.

Before we have the roll call, I am going to give Mr. Robert Young from the Mayor's office an opportunity to make a few announcements, and then we will have the roll call.

Mr. Robert Young.

MR. YOUNG: My main reason for being here tonight is to present each Delegate with a copy of the proclamation declaring January 30th, 1982, D. C. Statehood Day. And I would just like for you to see the quality of work.

So each Delegate will get a copy of this. If you will just see me before you leave tonight, you can pick up your copy. Finis, okay?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Young, whose idea was that?

[Laughter]

MR. YOUNG: I think everyone was responsible for it; each Delegate in the room was responsible for this document being duplicated and presented to you, every one.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Can you read it for us?

MR. YOUNG: "Office of the Mayor. Proclamation. Statehood Delegates Day, January 30, 1982. By the Mayor of

the District of Columbia.

"Whereas, on the third day of November, 1981, the citizens of the District of Columbia elected forty-five delegates to the Statehood Constitutional Convention with a mandate to write a Constitution for the Statehood for the District of Columbia, and

"Whereas, these Delegates shall produce a Constitution for that portion of the territory now known as the District of Columbia, to be admitted in the Union as a State.

"Now, therefore, I, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, January 30, 1982, as Statehood Delegates Day in Washington, D. C., and call upon all of the residents to join with me in honoring the following Delegates on this historic occasion:..."

And each one of you are listed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, thank you. Who wrote that proclamation for the Mayor?

We just wanted you to know that Delegate Janette Harris wrote that proclamation for the Mayor, and we thank the Mayor very much.

[Applause]

Mr. Secretary, would you call the roll.

[Mr. Cooper calls the roll]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There are thirty-five members present; a quorum exists. The meeting will begin.

We will now have the approval of the Minutes.

MR. BLOUNT: I move adoption of the February 13th Minutes and the February 16th Minutes.

VOICE: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that the Minutes for February 13th and 16th be adopted.

Any discussion? Corrections?

Delegate Marcus, Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE MARCUS: I have a correction for the Minutes of February the 16th, page 3, Roman numeral III. 12.0.2. I withdrew my motion to change "12" to "24." We never voted on it.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Which day?

DELEGATE MARCUS: I'm sorry, the 16th.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Repeat your point, please.

DELEGATE MARCUS: My point was that I withdrew my motion to change "twelve" to "twenty-four." It did in fact receive a second, and then I withdrew it.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Which motion is this, Motion No. what?

DELEGATE MARCUS: My motion was to change the word "twelve" to the word "twenty-four."

DELEGATE KAMENY: Which motion?

DELEGATE MARCUS: 12.0.2.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Mr. President, in the Minutes of February 13, the Delegates present, there is mention of the name "Moore" without first initial. And I don't know what Moore they are referring to. I know I was at the meeting, but I can't recall if I arrived in time for the roll call. But I was quoted during the body of the Minutes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, the Secretary is checking to see which Moore that is.

[Consults with Secretary]

That should be "T. Moore," then.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Would you include my name in the back there; it's not included at the end.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Your name is not included at the end?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: That's correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. President, on page 5 of the

Minutes of February 16, 1982, there needs to be a correction to Section 16.0.1 under "amendments to proposal from Delegate Jordan, the second item says "Terminate paragraph two following the word 'convention'." It should have been "delete."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, everybody get that?

VOICE: No.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: This is under 16.0.1, page 5 of the February 16th Minutes, No. 2 under the fifth entry reads now "Terminate paragraph two following the word 'convention'." It should be "Delete," delete that paragraph.

DELEGATE JORDAN: It should really be "Strike." Strike the phrase in paragraph four, not two, "and through the ratification process." Add a period after the word "convention," and strike the phrase "and through the ratification process."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let's go back to paragraph two. Paragraph two should be "delete."

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: That's right. That should be paragraph four.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Delete paragraph four rather than paragraph two following the word "convention."

DELEGATE KAMENY: Well, that means "terminate," end it after "convention," isn't that what you are saying?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir.

DELEGATE KAMENY: All right,

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let's make sure we got this. All right, item No. 2 is "Delete paragraph four of the Committee for Public Information and Media report," okay; "and through the ratification process" should be deleted.

No. 3, strike the first sentence of paragraph five--is that correct?

Okay, Delegate Jordan, No. 3 is to strike the second paragraph, right?

DELEGATE JORDAN: No, strike the first sentence of paragraph five.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, that's the paragraph that reads "This Committee shall consider and make recommendations..." ---

DELEGATE JORDAN: "amended by the Convention."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Strike that.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, down to the end of that sentence, "Convention."

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It will now read "The Committee shall prepare and present to the Convention for its approval an address to the people outlining the results of the Convention's work."

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, sir, that is correct.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, No. 4: Substitute the word "through" for "with" in paragraph six.

Any further corrections?

Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: In the same motion the Minutes don't reflect the full proposal by Delegate Freeman. Delegate Freeman read some changes out loud. They are not on the printed copy here. I think that can be corrected by inserting the words "an additional operating" before the word "committee" in this.

As I understood the changes she proposed, she read out loud, this is to be an additional operating committee of public information.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Is that the last sentence, Delegate Schrag?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: It's the third paragraph of 16.0.1, where it says "received proposal for Committee for Public Information..."

Since the entire text of it is not set forth in the Minutes, I think it would be at least a good summary of it to say: received proposal for an additional operating committee on public information and media.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any further corrections?

[No response]

All right, all in favor of accepting the Minutes as corrected, signify by "aye."

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[No response]

Abstaining?

[No response]

Okay, the Minutes are adopted.

Yes, Delegate Johnson?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Delegates, I have a matter that I would like to bring before the group, and that is that, as a person who was a member of the Rules Committee and assigned the task to work with Mr. Young on details that we wanted to include in our swearing-in ceremony--I haven't done that--and having received this very nice copy of the proclamation, I would like to suggest that we endorse our Secretary to write a letter of commendation signed by Delegates of this

Convention.

[Applause]

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: To whom, Mr. Young?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: To Mr. Young--because we certainly all enjoyed the ceremony, and our families did as well, and [inaudible].

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I assume that is by common consent. Mr. Young, thank you very kindly. Mr. Secretary, you are so instructed.

Okay, I have an announcement that I want to read. We made this two meetings ago, there was much chaos, and I am not sure everybody heard it.

The D. C. Statehood Party Central Committee is planning a Julius W. Hobson Week, and that Julius W. Hobson Week will be May the 24th to the 28th, 1982. At the next meeting we will have copies of that announcement. The goal of this is to develop an awareness on the part of students, parents, and the community of the life of Julius W. Hobson, Sr., and the Julius W. Hobson Middle School. There will be a variety of activities. I want you to put that on your calendars; if you can possibly make it, please do. And we will have an announcement for you in writing the next time.

Delegate Harris has an announcement.

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SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: In looking over the transcript of our meetings, there are a lot of instances in which the Delegates' names did not appear, because you are not giving your name and ward before you speak.

So for the record, in case you would like to have your comment entered, just prior you need to indicate your name and ward so that it comes out on the transcript.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons, Delegate Long.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I need some information, Mr. President. Through the Chair--I know the Mayor has done the negotiating--I want to know what is the obligation of the recorder. I have been in legislative bodies where we get a transcript within 48 hours. Now, we have been meeting for about twelve times, and to sit down and to now read that transcript, it's going to become a major task. I would like to know what it will be in the future, what it is right now, and if indeed we are not to get it ever to make those kind of editing corrections, the very kind of thing that Delegate Harris has mentioned, then I suggest we do some renegotiation of what the responsibility and task will be.

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PRESIDENT CASSELL: This evening Mr. Young has

brought us the transcript from the February 11th meeting and also February the 9th; he brought that to us three days ago.

So we have the transcripts up to February the 11th.

Now, Mr. Young, do we have a specific time frame in which we are to get our transcripts after each meeting?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Who is the custodian, and when are they available? All of that I think is what we need to know.

DELEGATE KAMENY: And where.

MR. YOUNG: I receive the transcripts approximately one week after a scheduled meeting. Now, the transcripts of the early sessions have not been delivered to us. Mr. Joe Brown, who is also working for the School Board, was contacted to do that service; he is kind of back-logged and is still trying to get those things together.

But it is a week after a session has been held I receive the transcript. And my room in the District Building, as a point of information, is 513. What I have been doing is turning the transcripts over to Mr. Cassell.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We have an office; we have

practically all of the rooms on this floor. We have not yet laid out our space utilization. There is an office where there is a phone and where there are four secretaries, or three secretaries, and a temporary executive director. There is a telephone number there; that telephone number is 727-2414.

We are going to leave those transcripts under the jurisdiction of Mrs. Judy Welles. Our Secretary, of course, directs her. They are on file there for anybody who wants to see them.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Long, Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE LONG: I wanted to get some directions on this Oath of Office here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I beg your pardon?

DELEGATE LONG: I am not sure exactly what we are supposed to do with this, find a notary?

SECRETARY COOPER: No.

DELEGATE LONG: Just sign it?

SECRETARY COOPER: Just sign it and turn it in.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Young, I assume that this is a correction of the ones that we got before in which there is no reference to appointment, which we had some problem

with.

This is to be signed and returned to the Office of the Mayor. This is just the Oath of Office.

If you will return that to the Secretary, Secretary Cooper, he will give it to Judy Welles, who will transmit this to the Mayor's Office.

Delegate Moore?

DELEGATE MOORE: Mr. President, Talmadge Moore, Ward 5. I would like to know if any arrangements have been made to have the official picture made of the Delegates.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: They have not. I am going to appoint a committee to deal with a variety of things, and that is to keep a record, a pictorial record, of these proceedings. We ought to have one now. We have a historian, and the historian has the responsibility of recording what happens, day by day. And, of course, translating all of that into a report at the end of the Convention, some time after the Convention.

That is something that we will do.

Delegate Jackson.

DELEGATE JACKSON: Jackson, Ward 1. Just a procedural point, Mr. President. I came here today at 6 o'clock--and I'm a hard-working man--and every time we start

the meeting at 7. It seems to me that the Chair should appoint someone, either a Vice-President or the Secretary or someone, so as soon as a quorum comes in here we can start the meeting, because otherwise our time is being wasted-- and then we must go after 10 o'clock.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think that's an excellent suggestion, yes.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Mr. President, I have a procedural question also.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: I am Hilda Mason, at large. I would like to inquire how soon are Minutes ready so that we can read them before we get here, and have time to really reflect on them?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We are concerned with the fact that the Minutes get here about the same time we do. We are having some problem with the staff that we have now. Our Secretary indicates to us that something that we called for for today, which was a list of all the amendments that we could review, and approve those, or at least ascertain that these are indeed the amendments that we approved, are not ready. We are going to have to get faster service.

We have spoken to Mr. Young about having our

secretaries provide for us in time for our perusal--now, when we are having meetings every other day, it's rather difficult to do. But once we get started, it would be well for us to have Minutes that we could see at least in the morning, so they could be delivered to our place of business or if we could indeed come here and pick up a copy of the Minutes so that we don't have to study them while we are in the meeting itself.

Did you have any particular proposal?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Well, I don't know what the mechanism is, so I don't know what to propose. I don't know how soon the transcribers get the Minutes to the Secretary, if it doesn't take long to type them up.

SECRETARY COOPER: Yes, they do.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It shouldn't take long. It has taken longer than it should. We had three secretaries working for the past two days, and they just completed the two sets of Minutes today.

So that's a problem we will have to deal with. We would like to get those Minutes to you, at least have them here the morning that you are going to meet.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: That would be very helpful. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, there was a motion on the floor as we concluded last time, and there was an amendment--there was a motion from the Committee on Public Information and Media from Delegate Freeman, as you will recall. That proposal, as Delegate Schrag has indicated, should have added to it "an additional operating Committee for Public Information and Media" from Delegate Freeman. There was an amendment to that from Delegate Robinson to strike the first sentence of paragraph five; there was a further amendment from Delegate Jordan--and we just read that, as he corrected the Minutes.

The motion by Delegate Jackson to adjourn passed before we took action on that amendment.

Delegate Jordan, I am going to ask you to make your amendment again so that we can act on it, and then go on.

DELEGATE JORDAN: I would like to move that we amend the motion by doing the following: that at the end of paragraph one, that we ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Does everybody have that before them? That is entitled "Committee for Public Information and Media," and that is what we were working on--I am talking about the amendment itself. This is what we were amending at the time we adjourned before.

Okay, paragraph one.

DELEGATE JORDAN: At the end of paragraph one, that we strike the period and insert the phrase "by the President or his designee".

That in the fourth paragraph at the end of the word "convention" we insert a period and strike the phrase "and through the ratification process".

That in paragraph five we strike the first sentence

And that in paragraph six we strike the word "with" following the word "work" and insert in lieu thereof the word "through".

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, now, this was actually a proposal from that committee. And what you are recommending is a revision of the proposal, right? There was no motion on the floor.

If you notice from the Minutes, we received a proposal from that committee.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Then I would like to move that we adopt the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for Public Information and Media, that we create a permanent Committee for Public Information and Media, as described in the Ad Hoc Committee's report, as amended.

VOICE: I second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that this committee is to be created with the amendments just read to you by Delegate Jordan.

Discussion?

DELEGATE LOVE: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of information. Delegate Love?

DELEGATE LOVE: Does Mr. Jordan propose that this be a standing committee like the other three operating committees--or one of the operating committees along with Rules, and Style and Drafting?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, Mr. Love, you won that one.

DELEGATE LOVE: No, I'm just asking.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love, if you will notice, that proposal was amended to read "a proposal for an additional operating Committee for Public Information and Media."

Yes, Delegate Moore?

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Mr. President, Brian Moore from Ward 2.

I would like to move to table the motion before the body, and the reason for that is that I am very concerned--it is unclear to me how the Delegates to the

Convention want this proposed committee to function, and how we want the committee designated by the D. C. law ---

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, sir.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: A motion to table is not debatable.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't think he is debating it; I think he's just giving reasons.

DELEGATE LOVE: It's difficult to vote on a motion when it's unclear what the functions of the proposed committees will be.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, Mr. Moore, your motion is to table, right?

DELEGATE LOVE: That's correct. For further study. My motion is to table this motion on the floor until a committee has studied the functions of this proposed committee as well as the Statehood Compact Commission.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, is there a second to that motion?

[No response]

The motion dies for lack of a second.

The main motion is on the floor.

VOICE: I would like to ask Delegate Jordan what

is the intent of his amendment to paragraph one?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Okay, as I see it here, there is a danger--at least I perceive it--of having a committee that in fact will project itself as the spokesman for the Convention. The committee delegates to that committee--who would appear on radio programs, TV programs, what have you, or could issue press releases.

What I am saying is that anything and everything that comes from that committee should go through the President; and that if there is going to be a spokesman for the Convention, if there is going to be someone who will appear on talk shows, or if there is someone who is going to do extensive publicity in the local newspapers, or going to give talks before civic groups or schools or universities, press releases, and going to discuss it on radio and TV shows, that that person ought to be the President of this Convention, or someone designated by the President.

I see a problem in that this committee, if it chose to, could be doing one thing--and it would not coordinate its activities, or would not necessarily have to perform its activities through the Chair, and, consequently, we would have confusion.

And I think in order to clear up any kinds of

discrepancies that might exist in press releases or statements--and we are going to have a staff person who does public relations work, too--so I wanted it cleared up, any kind of discrepancies that might exist and assure there is continuity between what's being done by this committee and what's being done by the paid staff and what's being done by our President and our executive committee, and that we have those functions carried out via the President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Eichorn?

DELEGATE EICHORN: I support the motion and I also support the Commission, and I believe that by adopting this motion [inaudible] the Convention Delegates through our President and the committee should have the major role in determining public information that is provided out of this Convention process itself.

I see the Commission as playing more of an educational role after we have adopted a Constitution and assisting to take that to the people. But that is an issue that we will later decide through the [inaudible] who is going to address the Compact Commission.

I think we would be more comfortable if information about our process comes from Delegates, particularly from the President.

And I support the motion for those reasons.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegates Schrag, Kameny, Marcus, and Simmons.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I support this motion as well. I think it's very important to have a committee doing this kind of work for the Convention. I would like to propose one amendment to it. The amendment that I move would restore the sentence, the first sentence of paragraph five.

As read by Delegate Freeman in our last meeting, this sentence was changed somewhat from the way it is written here. She read it and changed it orally. So let me read the sentence as she changed it, because that is what I am moving.

She changed it to read: "This committee shall consider and make recommendations to the Convention..."--insert the word "to"--"as to the method of..."--and then strike the words "submission of the proposals to the Convention" and insert the words "presentation of the Constitution to the public after the Constitution is approved by the Convention."

The reason I make this amendment is that this committee, or some committee (it needn't be this one, but this one might as well do it) has a very important task

in deciding just how this proposition is to be put on the ballot, that is, what are the words that will appear on the ballot, what are the words that will appear in the newspapers describing this product of the Convention.

There is a subsidiary issue, and that is the question: When the Constitution is presented to the public for ratification, should any choices be given to the public? Should they just have an up-or-down vote on the Constitution, or will there be a section or two of the Constitution on which you want a special vote as to whether that stays in the Constitution?

In some past constitutional ratifications, giving the voters a choice of a special vote on particularly controversial sections was the key to getting the constitution ratified, because there was a section that some segment of the public hated and wanted to vote against, but they wanted the constitution in general--and this decision became very important, it became critical to getting the constitution passed.

During the last days of this Convention, we are going to be so busy with the substance of the Constitution that that issue might get lost unless we get the committee now in the meantime to start working on it and thinking about

presentation of this issue to the public.

And, therefore, I think it is important that we restore this sentence ---

SECRETARY COOPER: Time.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: --- in paragraph five. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, do you want to read your restoration and the modification of that sentence in your restoration again.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: "This Committee shall consider and make recommendations to the Convention as to the method of presentation of the Constitution to the public after the Constitution is approved by the Convention."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, discussion? Delegate Harris, Delegate Jackson, Delegate Croft.

DELEGATE CROFT: I rise in opposition to the ---

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Delegate Harris from Ward 4.

DELEGATE CROFT: I would like to ask a question. The way the sentence is structured, that precludes the Delegates from going to their wards to talk about the Constitution?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Nothing we do can preclude you

as a Delegate from going to your ward or any ward and saying anything you want about the Constitution, because that is your constitutional right under the First Amendment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, Delegate Harris?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Delegate Harris from Ward 4.

As a member of this Ad Hoc Committee with Delegates Freeman and Love, Robinson and Thomas, one of the questions that came up about the very information that Delegate Schrag is suggesting to be included, which is a little bit different from--I have Delegate Freeman's original copy here in here handwriting, which deals with submission of proposals to the Convention, which Delegate Schrag is suggesting that it become the presentation of the Constitution.

One of the questions we had with that statement is that our charge from this delegation was that this committee will go and develop guidelines for a Committee on Public Information and Media. Some of us felt that to deal with how the Constitution was to be presented to the public was not the responsibility nor task of this committee, but, more importantly, maybe the responsibility and task of Style and Drafting, of any of the other--of one of the substantive committees, or it could be an ad hoc committee. It would

also be one of the responsibilities of the Statehood Commission, the Statehood Compact Commission--and that we thought that that responsibility attached to this committee was overlapping with those commissions, and thought that it should not be included in here because for most organizations when you think of information and media, you think of getting the information out to the public.

It was also brought up as a matter of understanding by this committee that it ought to get the information that we are doing out to the public, that maybe representatives from each ward should be included on the committee--but it wasn't a part of the proposal, but just a way of getting the information out to the public and out to our constituents.

This is why we did not include it--that that statement be deleted. Now, we met over to Delegate Long's place. It was agreed by the committee that Delegate Freeman would delete that sentence before these sheets were passed out to you. But it was not done, because she wanted you to read it before we met the next time.

That is why the sentence was included, to be ---
SECRETARY COOPER: Time.

SECOND VICE--PRESIDENT HARRIS: --- discussed at

this meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson?

DELEGATE JACKSON: I would like to ask a question to the maker of the motion, because I, too, am concerned about the question of the ability of the Delegates to speak about the Convention to our people. And I can understand that the President of the Convention should be the official spokesperson for the Convention, but I can't understand-- the motion said that if, you know, somebody from Mars wants to come and ask me my opinion on statehood that I can't give that opinion because only the Chair. So I think that should be cleared up, because I may want to write a newspaper article about this thing, I may want to--TV people may call me and ask me what is your opinion, your personal opinion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson, I think you are speaking to the first paragraph. We are now talking about Delegate Schrag's amendment which changes "submission of proposals to the Convention" to "presentation..."

Delegate Brian Moore?

DELEGATE MOORE: Pass.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Talmadge Moore?

DELEGATE T. MOORE: I want to speak to the first paragraph, because ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We are talking about the fifth paragraph now.

Delegate Love?

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. President, I would like to move that the section as amended by Delegate Schrag be placed under the charge of the Style and Drafting Committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is an amendment on the floor now.

DELEGATE LOVE: I understand that. I am making an amendment to that, that the charge for submission and address to the people be placed under the duties of the Style and Drafting Committee.

People seem to be hesitant about putting this as a charge under this committee, and Delegate Harris has suggested that it is not appropriate--I think it is appropriate for the Convention to do the work, I don't think it is appropriate for the Statehood or Compact Commission to do it, because they are outside.

So I propose that that section be put under the charge of the Style and Drafting Committee.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, it's been moved and seconded that the fifth paragraph and its charge be put under

the jurisdiction of the Style and Drafting Committee.

Is there discussion on that?

[No response]

All in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Scattered "nays"]

Okay, motion carries. Abstentions?

[No response]

Motion carries.

We are back to the amendment by Delegate Schrag.

No, we are back to the original amendment now of Delegate Jordan's, which refers to each of the paragraphs: there was one in paragraph one, in paragraph four, in paragraph five, and in paragraph six.

Delegate Shelton?

DELEGATE KAMENY: Point of order. I had been recognized to speak after Delegate Schrag before he made his motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't have you down for this. This is for the previous motion, not for this one. Harris, Croft, Jackson, Moore, Moore, Love, Shelton.

DELEGATE KAMENY: You stated my name as coming

immediately after Schrag. Schrag made a motion, but I am still on the list to speak to the full motion before us.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: If I did, I would be very happy to recognize you and apologize for having missed you.

You have the floor, sir.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Thank you. I speak to express the same concern that several people had, and I would like to address this to Delegate Jordan, since apparently, if I am correct, he made the motion with respect to the amendment to the first paragraph.

And I simply would like it clear for the record, if I understand him correctly, if I am not misinterpreting him, that inserting "by the President or his designee" he is not precluding individual Delegates or, say, groups of Delegates to the ward, as may be, from speaking to groups, radio and television programs, if called upon, civic associations to which they belong or by whom they are invited, or whatever; in other words, it is not the purpose of this amendment that we are precluded from doing so.

Is that your intent?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Well, I don't know why everybody is expressing his concern. If you read the sentence, it says "this committee"--what I was referring to was the work

of this committee. I mean, that should be clear. It says "This committee will set the stage for creating interest," and then it goes on down to say in the next sentence that "This interest will be generated through so and so and so."

So I don't understand the problem. I have not stated in my discussion, nor was it implied, nor was it implicit, nor was it--I mean, there is no hidden intent or anything else there. I was just saying very clearly that I think the committee's work ought to come through or be expressed, represented, manifested through the Chairman.

Now, what other individuals do in this Convention is a matter of their own dictates. I am not trying to curb that.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Fine, we have got it now on the record. I thank you. As far as I am concerned, the matter is resolved.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you, Delegate Kameny. Delegate Shelton?

DELEGATE SHELTON: Well, first of all, point of information. I thought at one time that we were considering the minority committee report. Now, is this the minority committee report, and were these the original members of the minority committee? Or this is now a new ad hoc

committee that was appointed to consider ---

VOICE: They weren't appointed, volunteers.

DELEGATE SHELTON: Volunteers that have presented a proposal to this committee.

VOICE: Right.

DELEGATE SHELTON: I would like to speak in favor of the motion, but I do feel that there is still an area of confusion, which I guess will have to be worked out by the executive committee, in that we do have an overlapping responsibility between the Public Information Committee and that special commission. And I think it would help some of us who vote in favor of the motion if we understand that the executive committee immediately will try to review and to delineate more clearly the differences of functions of these committees.

I think one has to do with the dissemination of information related to our proceedings and also related to the drafting of the Constitution; I think the other has to do with the dissemination of that material so we can prepare the voting.

And I think they are two separate and distinct functions that need to be worked out so that we don't have overlapping responsibilities.

With respect to the individual Delegates, I don't think that any of us can restrain each other. But I do think some discipline will be required so that we all don't have twenty-five opinions about what's going on in the Convention.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, here is the order of the speakers now: Brian Moore, Talmadge Moore, Garner, and Marcus. We will then have had ten speakers, or we can cut this short.

Brian Moore.

DELEGATE B. MOORE: Brian Moore, Ward 2. Even though I made the original motion to institute this committee in the Convention, I am opposed to this motion on the floor now.

I am very concerned that all the Delegates really do not understand the full ramifications of what we are implementing here. We do not have the overview of this Compact Commission's functions as well as the functions of this committee. And I hear it all around me, and I hear suggestions of turning this function, or the explanation of the functions, over to the executive committee. And basically we are asking the Delegates to vote out of ignorance.

And I am saying we do not have enough clarification

for the role of this Convention in this committee and the Compact Commission, and I urge my fellow Delegates to vote down this motion--just for the sake of studying it further and clarifying the matter so we can make an informed decision.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Talmadge Moore.

DELEGATE T. MOORE: Mr. President, I rise for a point of information.

I am concerned about the Environment and Neighborhood Commission, and I have set up some preliminary steps to inform the personnel in ward 5, that is, the people, the community, the grassroots--and I am concerned now as to whether I am going to be limited or restricted in paragraph one. Prior to doing this, do I have to get permission from this committee?

I just want that as a matter of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think, as has been said before, it refers to the responsibility of that committee, and that in no way delimits the rights and privileges of individual members.

Okay, next is Joel Garner, Marcus, and Croft.

DELEGATE GARNER: Joel Garner, Ward 3. I would like to support the idea that such a committee exist, but I

think the confusion is because we are trying to create an operating committee.

And I would like to offer a substitute motion which reads: There shall be an ad hoc Committee on Public Information and Media.

If I can have a second, I would like to speak to that motion.

DELEGATE WARREN: I second it.

DELEGATE GARNER: When we adopted the duties of officers, we gave the President the responsibility for being the official spokesman; we gave the President the authority to appoint members of ad hoc committees and their chairmen.

I think the motion by Delegate Jordan is attempting to do just this, make sure that there is such a committee, but that committee is under the direction of the President and the executive committee. I think we want to have such a committee; it has important functions--we are not sure exactly what they are. Let's not do it wrong, let's not do it confusedly; let's just create a committee, have the President appoint its members, have the President appoint its chairman, and let them do the work. And we can go on to more important things that we are sure about.

I would urge you to adopt the substitute motion,

that there shall be an ad hoc Committee on Public Information and Media.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a substitute motion by Delegate Garner. Did that get a second?

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay.

DELEGATE LOVE: Point of parliamentary inquiry.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: Given the fact that the President at any time can appoint an ad hoc committee, I would think this motion is out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I don't think the motion is out of order, no. It's a substitute motion which creates a committee and obligates the President to create that committee for the purpose stated.

It's been moved and seconded that the President appoint a committee on Public Information, an ad hoc committee on Public Information.

Yes, Delegate Schrag?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I support the original Jordan motion, as it has been amended so far. It seems to me that the charge to this committee, as spelled out here, is quite

clear; it seems to me that it is not in conflict with the Statehood Commission, because we have not described the Statehood Commission's functions at all, and, indeed, we don't know when it will start operating under the resolution we passed the other night---it may not begin operating for some months. And it seems to me that it is useful to have a charge of some kind to this committee. This one seems adequate, whereas in the Garner substitute it doesn't tell us anything about what the committee will do.

So I think the Jordan motion is preferable.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, any other discussion?
Delegate Croft.

DELEGATE CROFT: I would like to lay on the table the whole issue concerning the ad hoc Committee on Public Information. I would lay it on the table pending a report from the President on the best way to handle the issue of public information.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that this motion be laid on the table.

All those in favor.

DELEGATE CROFT: I would like a division, a show of hands.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE CROFT: My motion is non-debatable. If you would like me to repeat the motion again, I will.

I will repeat my motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE CROFT: Point of order. I have moved to lay on the table everything associated with the creation of a Committee for Public Information and Media. That motion to lay on the table refers to the main motion, amendment, and substitute motion; it includes everything associated with the Committee for Public Information and Media, pending a report from the President on the most appropriate way to proceed with the question of public information and media.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, now, there was a motion to lay on the table which didn't get a second. Let me get some clarification.

DELEGATE CROFT: It was seconded by Joel Garner.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The parliamentarian advises us that the motion to table the entire proposal is in order.

Did we receive a second?

DELEGATE CROFT: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, all in favor signify by saying aye.

DELEGATE CROFT: I asked for a hand vote.

VOICE: Mr. President, I rise to ask a point of procedure.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

VOICE: He said until the President brings in, which suggests a time certain. That means it couldn't be debatable, am I right?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I am going to treat that---in---asmuch as he added that to the end, I am going to treat that as a motion to lay on the table, which is non-debatable.

All in favor signify by raising your right hand.

Those opposed?

Abstentions?

Okay, the motion loses.

VOICE: What was the count, Mr. President?

SECRETARY COOPER: 8 in favor, 22 not in favor, and 1 abstaining.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We are back to Delegate Jordan's motion.

VOICE: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question, Delegate Garner's substitute.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion on the floor now

is Delegate Garner's amendment, or his substitute motion. And that is that there shall be an ad hoc Committee for Public Information appointed by the Chairperson.

Are you ready for the question?

Those in favor of that motion signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Chorus of "noes"]

Those in favor signify by raising your right hand.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Repeat the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You will recall that Delegate Garner made a substitute motion, and that substitute motion was that the President be empowered to appoint an ad hoc Committee on Public Information.

Those in favor of that motion raise your right hand.

SECRETARY COOPER: 15.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

SECRETARY COOPER: 9.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions? The motion carries; the motion carried 15 to 9 to 1. Delegate Garner's motion passes. We have now finished with that proposal.

Delegate Long.

DELEGATE LONG: I would like to go back to what was postponed last time, that is, trying to clean up the motions which will be legitimately made in this Convention, and I passed out a small piece of paper which contains two motions.

Motion No. 1 states the motions in Robert's Rules which may not be made in this Convention. The last meeting I passed out a detailed report which discussed the reasons for excluding each of these motions. I now move Motion No. 1.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Motion 1, are you going to deal with them ad seriatim?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Please, is there a point of inquiry?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Yes, my point of inquiry is, if we will take those letters, A through G, ad seriatim? You know, some of those I am willing to support and some I am not.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, is there a second to that motion?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I would like to amend the motion that Delegate Long's motion for passage, recommended passage of Motion No. 1, be amended to say that the letters A through

G will be handled ad seriatim.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Second?

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, it's been moved that these amendments be taken one by one.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Point of information, Mr. Chairman--I don't understand. I am just trying to get some information. We have two ---

DELEGATE LONG: I can explain. The first piece of paper was a report which explains ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Just a minute, there is a motion on the floor, and that motion was seconded, and that is that we take these items one by one.

Are you ready for the question?

Those in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Scattered "noes"]

Those abstaining?

[No response]

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Point of information to the maker.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Delegate Harris, ward 4.

Delegate Long, I need to know if A through G is in contradiction to Robert's Rules of Order, revised?

DELEGATE LONG: Yes, that is precisely what it is. It says "The following rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order may not be made:..."

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: Okay, to help me better understand and maybe some of us here---maybe you are more up on it than I am--it might be important ---

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Excuse me, he doesn't mean "yes," he means "no."

DELEGATE LONG: She asked if I was in contradiction and essentially all of these are in contradiction; they remove from Robert's Rules of Order, as far as we are concerned. All these motions appear in Robert's Rules of Order.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: But you are saying that we should not be able to make them.

DELEGATE LONG: That's right.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT HARRIS: So if you can shed some light on why you feel that these should be taken out, it will help us vote on each one.

DELEGATE LONG: That's right; that's what I am

going to do.

The motion passed to divide this question or treat it ad seriatim, so I am ready to discuss A, which is adjourn.

[Several voices]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Hold it, hold it, Delegate Long still has the floor.

DELEGATE LONG: I am speaking now to letter A, which is adjourn without provision for a next meeting.

The reason I am advocating that we delete that motion is that we don't want to prematurely ---

DELEGATE SHELTON: Point of information. With all due respect to the delegate, we could go on with explanation --I just wondered was there some overriding reason that I missed as to the reason why you are doing this? I mean, was it by request of the Rules Committee, by your own--I mean, what basis do we have to spend what will represent the rest of the time going over each one of these points with fifteen minutes for us to debate each one--and I am just wondering what is the philosophy generally behind this.

DELEGATE LONG: Okay, I'll try to explain. On Saturday we adopted a table of motions from the Rules Committee.

DELEGATE SHELTON: Correct.

DELEGATE LONG: We also adopted a statement which says that Robert's Rules of Order would apply wherever our rules were silent.

At that time, it was requested of the Rules Committee, which no longer exists, to put forward a set of motions which would not be able to be made. So I drew up a report, which I passed out last time, which outlined these motions and the reasons why they would not be--why I am advocating that they not be allowed by this Convention.

And so that action was postponed at the last meeting, so here we are--we are at the end of the rules and this is the last thing in the rules. That's how we got here.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson?

DELEGATE JACKSON: Yes, sir, is a substitute motion in order?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Surely.

DELEGATE JACKSON: I would like to pose a substitute motion based on the Alaska Constitution. My substitute motion would read: The rules of parliamentary practice set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, revised--here I would put newly revised--should apply in all cases which are not covered by or are not inconsistent with the rules of the Convention.

VOICE: Point of order.

VOICE: Point of order.

DELEGATE JACKSON: Let me speak on it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair believes that the Convention has already covered that in its rules.

DELEGATE JACKSON: Well, then he is out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Correct, unless he moves ---

DELEGATE JACKSON: Well, let me speak to it, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Long, I think, unless you move to reconsider, the rules have been adopted.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, Delegate Schrag?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: On Saturday, when we adopted the proposal that Robert's Rules shall govern, when these rules are silent, we explicitly set forth that at a further meeting of this Convention, before we finished with the rules, we would consider whether there were certain motions that should not be made. The reason we did this was ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me interrupt you and ask you, did this happen by motion passed by the body?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: It happened, I think, by general consensus; if I recall correctly, it was by general consensus.

The reason we did this, Mr. President, was that there was a confusion about the first sentence in Rule 5.2, which reads "The following motions may be made:..." A number of us on the Rules Committee thought that what that sentence meant was that only the following motions may be made.

Delegate Charles Mason pointed out that there was ambiguity in the sentence, and it should be construed to mean that these motions and any others that anybody could think of can also been made. But it had been discussed explicitly in the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Schrag, we do not see in the Minutes any indication that other than the discussion of a desire that the body took action on it.

Delegate Jackson?

DELEGATE JACKSON: Well, then I would like to rise in opposition to the motion.

May I speak on it?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

DELEGATE JACKSON: First of all, I think the motion is an affront to anybody with common sense, and I will tell you why. If we have Robert's Rules of Order, we are to read those--for example, if you tell me that we cannot lay on the table, we know that laying on the table is commonly used in

parliamentary procedure to throw up motions and what not; we know that some people will try to use parliamentary procedure for their ambition, but we also know that the parliamentarian and the Chair will rule those people out of order. And that, therefore, none of these can be abused.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of order.

DELEGATE JACKSON: I'm speaking, sir.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Point of order.

DELEGATE JACKSON: You have no point of order until the Chair gives you the floor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You are recognized.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: We have decided to take these in order, one by one.

VOICE: What's your point of order?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: So the point of order is that we should deal with the first one.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Well, I'm speaking against the first one, then.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is not a point of order, sir. He is speaking to the motion.

Delegate Jackson?

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: No, he was not speaking to the ---

DELEGATE JACKSON: Look, you are not the person to rule what I do; the Chair is.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson.

DELEGATE JACKSON: So therefore I think if that is the purpose of Mr. Long's motion, then I think it is completely out of order.

If white people in Alaska have enough sense to know when to do something, black people in D. C. also do. And I think it's an affront to the intelligence and common decency of people. I think the Chair will have to use its discretion on this matter, but it has no place here. It is not used in any parliamentary procedure.

If Mr. Long wants to be innovative, let him be innovative in the Constitution, but not in the rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you, Delegate Jackson. Finding nothing in the Minutes other than the fact that this body has adopted the rules--Delegate Long, you would have to introduce a motion to reconsider.

DELEGATE LONG: I move to reconsider the motions which are legitimate for this Convention for the purpose of introducing these two motions.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Point of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of order.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Is it not correct, Mr. President, that a motion for reconsideration is only in order on the next day after an action is taken, so that Delegate Long would be out of order in moving reconsideration.

DELEGATE SHELTON: Mr. President, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

DELEGATE SHELTON: I don't want us to get tied up in parliamentary procedures.

DELEGATE LONG: I'm trying to save you from that.

DELEGATE SHELTON: I sense the will of the group is that at this particular point, while there may be some technical i's and t's that may need to be looked at, that this matter is of such detail that maybe it ought to be referred to the Rules Committee.

Certainly at the time that we may have been considering the question of motions and rules, we did so thinking perhaps that the Delegate had some technical problems with something that we did which may have been in conflict with Robert's Rules of Order.

Instead it appears at this particular time he is suggesting the rescinding of some aspects of the normal Robert's Rules of Order, and I don't think that this delegation is prepared at this time to spend the time that will be

necessary to go into all of these matters at this particular time. I don't see anything major here that would impede our progress in the writing of the Constitution.

Therefore, I would like to know what would be the procedural--what we can do as a body at this particular time, in light of where we are in terms of the whole motion and procedure, what kind of action would be in order with respect to these things.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Shelton, I think that since this motion is on the floor, I think we have found in Robert's Rules of Order the solution. The rule is that a motion to reconsider can only be made on the same day or the next day following.

The motion we are talking about, or rather the adoption of the rules was had on Saturday. There has been a meeting intervening between that.

Therefore, I have to rule that Delegate Long is out of order.

And we shall proceed.

Delegate Long?

DELEGATE LONG: In the Minutes of the last meeting, this action was postponed until this meeting. Now, that was the will of the board.

There was a motion by Harris--it's on the top of one of those pages there.

I think the simplest thing to do, if this body wishes to dismiss this action, is to table it, and we can get over it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: What Delegate Long mentioned was exactly what I was going to suggest doing. That would be the proper thing to do, move to table this issue, lay this issue on the table.

VOICE: I second it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, it's been moved and seconded that this issue be tabled.

Those in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Scattered "noes"]

Abstaining?

[No response]

Motion carries.

DELEGATE JACKSON: Point of information, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson.

DELEGATE JACKSON: Am I to understand that Robert's Rules of Order, revised, is ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those are the rules that have been passed.

VOICE: That was done on Saturday.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Eichorn?

DELEGATE EICHORN: Mr. President, I would like to propose a motion, and I would like the Chair to advise me if it would be in order at this time--or, if not, to let me know when it would be in order--so that I might be recognized.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You would like to?

DELEGATE EICHORN: Propose a motion. If it is not in order at this time, I would like the Chair to advise me when it will be in order, so that I might be recognized.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is no motion on the floor. It's in order.

DELEGATE EICHORN: My motion relates to the adoption of the rules for officers and the creation of an opportunity for us to elect an honorary chairperson.

I would like to place in nomination for that position, my motion recommending that such a position be created, a person who has served the city and the statehood movement honorably for many, many years, the Honorable Hilda Mason.

SECRETARY COOPER: Point of order. Shouldn't the Delegate first request that the floor be open for nominations, request that the body take action on this before we place a name in nomination?

DELEGATE EICHORN: My motion requests that we hold such an election.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Not having asked for that opportunity, I rule that motion out of order.

Delegate Harris, Delegate Moore?

DELEGATE EICHORN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. I asked for that opportunity at the beginning of my motion. I said if the motion is not in order, would you advise me when it would be in order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think what you have done is propose a specific person for an office. There is no nomination. I don't think that we can, without any preparation, without any notification, propose an office which does not exist and then propose a person to fill that office.

It is for that reason that I ruled your motion out of order.

DELEGATE EICHORN: Then it would be appropriate for me to ---

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You do not have the floor now. You will have to get recognition again. I recognize Delegate Harris.

DELEGATE HARRIS: Mr. President, I would like at this time--and I think this is in order--to move that we adopt the rules, with the amendments, for this Convention.

VOICE: Second.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that the rules for this Convention be adopted.

Discussion?

Including the amendments.

Delegate Rothschild, Kameny, and Robinson.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: Rothschild, Ward 2. I am opposed to adopting the rules as they now stand and are now amended. The reason being basically that we have several deficiencies in the rules. One, we have no way to recall officers; two, we have no way to recall or say anything about Delegates themselves, if a Delegate is out of order or if a Delegate has to be replaced--we have no rule for that. Three, there is a very serious deficiency in that if a motion is on the floor and somebody wants to amend that motion, they can be cut off too quickly, or the debate can be cut off too

quickly by calling the question so that a person might not ever get to offer an amendment to a motion.

I also think that our rules are much too much of a quagmire, and I think we are following Robert's Rules of Order too closely. I think it's too difficult to reconsider.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Rothschild, you are speaking ----

DELEGATE ROTHSCCHILD: To adopting the rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, you are speaking regarding rules, all of which have been approved and adopted. The motion now is to adopt them as a body. Each one of those rules has been.

DELEGATE ROTHSCCHILD: And I am objecting to them, I am objecting to adopting the rules.

I don't think we have enough tolerance for analytical debate here, and I think we have boxed ourselves into a position where we have more rules that are going to cut off dialogue and cut off really analyzing what we are doing as a convention, and that the process that we are going through now is the very same process that we are going to have to do when we adopt parts of the Constitution.

So what I am saying is, because we are frustrated and we can't deal with the details of the rules well enough,

I don't think ----

SECRETARY COOPER: Time.

DELEGATE ROTHSCHILD: --- we are prepared, one, to take these rules and adopt them, or to write a Constitution.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Kameny?

DELEGATE KAMENY: Mr. President and members of the Convention, we have spent, by my count, nineteen days on the adoption of our rules. We have debated them endlessly from top to bottom; we can obviously debate them endlessly for the next five months, if we choose to.

I urge we choose not to. I therefore move the previous question.

VOICE: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's been moved and seconded that we cut off debate.

All in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[No response]

Abstentions?

[No response]

Okay, the main motion is on the floor, and that is

Delegate Harris's motion to adopt the rules with amendments.

Are you ready for the question?

SECRETARY COOPER: Question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of "ayes"]

Those opposed?

[Delegate Rothschild votes "no"]

One no. Abstentions?

[No response]

Okay, the rules are adopted for this Convention.

[Applause]

Delegate Holmes at the last meeting asked for the opportunity to address the body at the final adoption of the rules.

Delegate Holmes?

DELEGATE HOLMES: First of all, I would like for all of the members who were on the Rules Committee to stand.

[Applause]

And to all the Delegates, I am glad that you adopted the rules. We had quite a bit of hassle, and I am glad that it has reached the point that it has. And I hope that the rules that have been adopted by the Rules Committee, that this

would bring us closer together, and maybe we will be able to dismiss some of the hostility that we have had in this Convention.

And I want to thank you, Ms. Simmons, for the committee report that you put in our report. And from this day on I hope that we will continue to have love in our hearts and work together more.

Thank you.

[Applause]

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Samuel Robinson, Ward 5. As a member of the Rules Committee, I would like to express for all the members of the Rules Committee a thank you to Ms. Holmes for guiding us through a very, very tedious process of putting together what you now have adopted as the rules that will govern this Convention.

I would also like to say that the persons who worked with Delegate Holmes were very, very thankful to her for the patience and for the leadership that she exhibited.

Thank you very much.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The next item is item No. 7 on your agenda, as listed, and that is the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Budget and Finance.